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An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of Fish and Wildlife Law

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

8. Native American. The commissioner shall issue a hunting, trapping and fishing license, including a muzzle-loading permit under section 11109, subsection 4; an archery license under section 11109, subsection 7; a bear hunting permit under section 11151; a pheasant hunting permit under section 11156; and a migratory waterfowl permit under section 11157, to any Native American, 10 years of age or older, of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs without any charge or fee if the Native American presents a certificate from the respective reservation governor, the Aroostook Micmac Council or "Wesget-Sipu" stating that the person described is a Native American and a member of that nation, band or tribe. Holders of these licenses are subject to this Part.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§14 is enacted to read:

14. Game warden killed in line of duty. A complimentary license to hunt and fish may be issued, upon application, to the spouse or child of a game warden who has been killed in the line of duty. These licenses must be issued in accordance with criteria established by the Maine Chiefs of Police Association and the Maine Law Enforcement Officer Memorial board, upon confirmation by the Game Warden Colonel that the applicant is qualified for such a license.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11211, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §141 and as affected by §422, is amended to read:

A. A person who violates subsection 1 commits a civil violation for which a fine of not ~~more~~less than \$100 nor ~~less~~more than \$500 may be adjudged.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §12708, sub-§1, ¶B, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §295 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

B. The following areas are classified as state-owned wildlife management areas, or "WMAs":

- (1) Blanchard/AuClair WMA (Roach River Corridor) - T1 R14 WELS - Piscataquis County;
- (2) Brownfield WMA - Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg - Oxford County;
- (3) George Bucknam WMA (Belgrade Stream) - Mt. Vernon - Kennebec County;

- (4) Caesar Pond WMA - Bowdoin - Sagadahoc County;
- (5) Chesterville WMA - Chesterville - Franklin County;
- (6) Coast of Maine WMA - all state-owned coastal islands that are owned or managed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
- (7) Dickwood Lake WMA - Eagle Lake - Aroostook County;
- (8) Francis D. Dunn WMA (Sawtelle Deadwater) - T6 R7 WELS - Penobscot County;
- (9) Fahi Pond WMA - Embden - Somerset County;
- (10) Lyle Frost WMA (formerly Scammon) - Eastbrook, Franklin - Hancock County;
- (11) Alonzo H. Garcelon WMA (Mud Mill Flowage) - Augusta, Windsor, Vassalboro - Kennebec County;
- (12) Great Works WMA - Edmunds Township - Washington County;
- (13) Jamies Pond WMA - Manchester, Farmingdale, Hallowell - Kennebec County;
- (14) Jonesboro WMA - Jonesboro - Washington County;
- (15) Earle R. Kelley WMA (Dresden Bog) - Alna, Dresden - Lincoln County;
- (16) Kennebunk Plains WMA - Kennebunk - York County;
- (17) Bud Leavitt WMA (Bull Hill) - Atkinson, Charleston, Dover-Foxcroft, Garland - Penobscot County and Piscataquis County;
- (18) Gene Letourneau WMA (Frye Mountain) - Montville, Knox, Morrill - Waldo County;
- (19) Long Lake WMA - St. Agatha - Aroostook County (all of Long Lake within the Town of St. Agatha);

- (20) Madawaska WMA - Palmyra - Somerset County;
- (20-A) Maine Youth Conservation WMA - T32MD - Hancock County;
- (21) Mainstream WMA - Cambridge, Ripley - Somerset County;
- (22) Lt. Gordon Manuel WMA - Hodgdon, Cary Plantation, Linneus - Aroostook County;
- (23) Maynard F. Marsh WMA (Killick Pond) - Hollis, Limington - York County;
- (24) Mercer Bog WMA - Mercer - Somerset County;
- (25) Merrymeeting Bay WMA - Dresden, Bowdoinham, Woolwich, Bath, Topsham - Lincoln County and Sagadahoc County;
- (26) Morgan Meadow WMA - Raymond - Cumberland County;
- (27) Mt. Agamenticus WMA - York, South Berwick - York County;
- (28) Muddy River WMA - Topsham - Sagadahoc County;
- (29) Narraguagus Junction WMA - Cherryfield - Washington County;
- (30) Old Pond Farm WMA - Maxfield, Howland - Penobscot County;
- (31) Orange River WMA - Whiting - Washington County;
- (32) Peaks Island WMA - Portland - Cumberland County;
- (33) Pennamaquam WMA - Pembroke, Charlotte - Washington County;
- (34) Steve Powell WMA - Perkins Township - Sagadahoc County (being the islands in the Kennebec River near Richmond known as Swan Island and Little Swan Island, formerly known as Alexander Islands);

- (35) David Priest WMA (Dwinal Pond) - Lee, Winn - Penobscot County;
- (36) James Dorso Ruffingham Meadow WMA - Montville, Searsmont - Waldo County;
- (37) St. Albans WMA - St. Albans - Somerset County;
- (38) Sandy Point WMA - Stockton Springs - Waldo County;
- (39) Scarborough WMA - Scarborough, Old Orchard Beach, Saco - Cumberland County and York County;
- (40) Steep Falls WMA - Standish, Baldwin - Cumberland County;
- (41) Tyler Pond WMA - Manchester, Augusta - Kennebec County;
- (42) Vernon S. Walker WMA - Newfield, Shapleigh - York County;
- (43) R. Waldo Tyler Weskeag Marsh WMA - South Thomaston, Thomaston, Rockland, Owl's Head - Knox County; and
- (43-A) Kennebec River Estuary WMA - Arrowsic, Bath, Georgetown, Phippsburg, West Bath, Woolwich - Sagadahoc County;
- (43-B) Tolla Wolla WMA - Livermore - Androscoggin County;
- (43-C) Green Point WMA - Dresden - Lincoln County;
- (43-D) Hurds Pond WMA - Swanville - Waldo County;
- (43-E) Sherman Lake WMA - Newcastle, Damariscotta - Lincoln County;
- (43-F) Ducktrap River WMA - Belmont, Lincolnville - Waldo County; and
- (44) Such other areas as the commissioner designates, by rules adopted in accordance with section 12701, as state-owned wildlife management areas.

SUMMARY

This bill adds more lifetime hunting permits for Native Americans provides for a complimentary license to hunt and fish to a spouse or child of a game warden killed in the line of duty and clarifies and corrects an incorrect penalty section. It also adds areas to the list of state-owned wildlife management areas.